



Today's Sermons

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Sunday
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 AM Worship:...11:00am
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 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
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 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**


Have You Quit the Church?
 by Gus Nichols

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of "quitting" the church. I reminded him that he had already (1) withdrawn his presence from worship, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord's work. Then I asked, "What else would you have to do in order to 'quit' the church? In case you ever decided that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary for you to take? Just what else will be necessary to 'quit' the church?" As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, "Why, brother Nichols, I've already quite, haven't I? Well, I surely didn't mean to! And I don't know when I did it...but I've quit the Lord and His church! I'll tell you right now, I'm coming back!" He did it, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later he was still faithful. Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church, without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding. If you have (1) quit attending service, (2) quit boosting the programs of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.


**The seven
 "I AM"
 statements
 of Jesus**




"I am the true vine"
 JOHN 15:1-5




"I am the bread of life"
 JOHN 6:35-48




"I am the way, the truth and the life"
 JOHN 14:6




"I am the light of the world"
 JOHN 8:12; 9:5



"I am the resurrection and the life"
 JOHN 11:25



"I am the good shepherd"
 JOHN 10:11-14



"I am the gate"
 JOHN 10:7

Raise The Goals!

Neal Pollard

(taken from *Rise Up & Build*, page 107).

What started as a game for the eventual boys' state championship basketball team became a symbolic ritual. After every grueling practice, the coach would go to the utility closet and press the button that automatically raised the goals up into the gymnasium rafters. Then all the tired boys would take basketballs from the rack and toss them toward the rising hoops. Thunderous cheers followed every made basket. Curious, the coach one day asked the boys, "Why do you boys shout at those baskets when I take them up?" One of the team captains smiled and replied, "Aw, coach, anybody can hit the goals when they're lowered, but champions hit them when they're raised!"

The future of any congregation can be somewhat determined by the heights of its goals and plans. Where does it hope to be? What does it hope to do? Expectations are an inseparable part of those churches that thrive, grow and develop into beacons that shine into the lost communities around them. ...Each individual member of the Lord's church is helping to build a certain destiny in the unseen, unknown place called tomorrow. How can each Christian help build up the church of which he or she is a member?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct 2 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- Oct 9 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

Attitude

Neal Pollard (taken from *Rise Up & Build*, page 105).

HOW SOUR ATTITUDES ARE MADE

- A** brasiveness—Keep a chip on your shoulder.
- T** emperamentality—Stay irritable, sensitive, and moody.
- T** alebearing—Talk bad about others.
- I** gnorance—Fail to appreciate how God has blessed you.
- T** emptation—Don't resist, overcome, or avoid it.
- U** nfaithfulness—Live by the gospel according to self.
- D** emanding—Expect more than others can do.
- E** gotism—Put self first.

HOW PROPER ATTITUDES ARE MADE

- A** ction—Do right (Hebrews 5:9; James 1:22).
- T** houghtfulness—Consider others (Philippians 2:3-4).
- T** hankfulness—Appreciate blessings (Colossians 3:15).
- I** deals—Pursue spiritual things (Colossians 3:1-2).
- T** ests—Overcome trials (James 1:5-6, 12).
- U** nderstanding—Know how to navigate life (Proverbs 3:5).
- D** eath—Crucify self (Romans 6:6; Colossians 3:5).
- E** rasers—Forget past failures (Philippians 3:13).

"If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. ¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippian 3:11-14).